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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **37 DUII Arrests Made During February**

The Beaverton Police Department is participating in a yearlong National Traffic Safety Campaign, with a focus on impaired drivers.

The Beaverton Police Department has officers out on focused patrols for impaired drivers. The goal of this campaign is to save lives and educate the motoring public about the dangers of driving impaired. During the month of March, officers will continue their efforts to take impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets. These High Visibly Enforcement (HVE) details are paid for by grant funds. So far this year Beaverton Police Officers have taken 64 impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets.

With St. Patrick's Day and Spring Break this month there will be an increased emphasis during these times. Expect that there will be additional officers on the streets looking for impaired drivers on March 17, 2015. We will also be doing what we can to identify and locate any underage parties involving alcoholic beverages.

You can all help by making sure that you have a plan for St. Patrick's Day and any other day you're going to partake in a party. Having a good time is not worth it if you end up in jail, the hospital or the morgue.

- Get a hotel for the evening.
- Designate a sober driver.
- Drink responsibly.
- Manage your guest's alcohol consumption if you're hosting a party.
- Call a cab and pick your car up the next day.

When it comes to Spring Break it's all about educating your children on making good decisions. This is something that hopefully they have heard many times before but is worth reinforcing during this time.

Drunk driving, impaired driving or buzzed driving all have the potential to claim lives and often will result in jail time. The men and women of the Beaverton Police Department ask you to please think about this before you operate a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol or using any other substance that impairs your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

The Beaverton Police Department takes impaired driving seriously and these grant funds allow us to have dedicated officers out looking for those impaired drivers.

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